

Hearing on Principles for Meaningful Reform.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at 10 a.m. on “A Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Preserve Traditional Marriage” in the Russell Senate Office Building Room 325.

Panel I: The Honorable WAYNE ALLARD, U.S. Senator, R-CO, The Honorable BARNEY FRANK, U.S. Representative, D-MA, The Honorable JOHN LEWIS, U.S. Representative, D-GA.

Panel II: Ms. Phyllis G. Bossin, Phyllis G. Bossin Co., L.P.A., Chair, American Bar Association, Family Law Section, Cincinnati, OH, Professor Teresa Stanton Collett, Professor of Law, St. Thomas University School of Law, Minneapolis, MN, Reverent Richard Richardson, Assistant Pastor, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, Director of Political Affairs, The Black Ministerial Alliance of Greater Boston, President/CEO, Children's Services of Roxbury, Boston, MA, Professor Katherine S. Spaht, Jules F. and Frances L. Landry Professor, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, Professor Cass R. Sunstein, Karl N. Llewellyn Distinguished Service Professor of Jurisprudence, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. on “Counterfeiting and Theft of Tangible Intellectual Property: Challenges and Solutions” in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Panel I: The Honorable Jon W. Dudas, Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC, The Honorable Christopher Wray, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC, Mr. James Mendenhall, Assistant United States Trade Representative for Intellectual Property, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Washington, DC, The Honorable Earl Anthony Wayne, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, United States Department of State, Washington, DC.

Panel II: Mr. Thomas J. Donohue, President and CEO, United States Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Richard K. Willard, Senior Vice President, Legal and General Counsel, The Gillette Company, Boston, MA, Mr. Brad Buckles, Executive Vice President for Anti-Piracy, Recording Industry Association

of America, Washington, DC, Ms. Vanessa Price, Intellectual Property Specialist, Burton Snowboards, Burlington, VT.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 23, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet Tuesday, March 23, 2004 from 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in Dirksen 628 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Communications be authorized to Meet Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., on Spyware.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 23, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on Department of Defense financial management in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent Emily Deimel of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of today's session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 94, 108th Congress, appoints the following Senators to the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: the Senator from Tennessee, Mr. FRIST; the Senator from Mississippi, Mr. LOTT; and the Senator from Connecticut, Mr. DODD.

The Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 108-136, Title XV, Section 1501(b)(1)(C), appoints the following individual to serve on the Veteran's Disability Benefits Commission: Mr. Charles Joeckel of Washington, DC.

AUTHORIZING SENATE LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 323, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 323) to authorize legal representation in United States of America v. Elena Ruth Sassower.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this resolution concerns representation by the Senate legal counsel of five Members and four of their employees who have been subpoenaed to provide testimony and documents in a criminal trial by a defendant charged with disrupting proceedings at a hearing of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary in May 2003. These subpoenas are not well taken. As the testimony and documents sought by these subpoenas are either irrelevant or cumulative of the testimony and evidence that will be offered at trial from other sources, evidence from these Senators and Senate employees is unnecessary. Moreover, under controlling precedent, the testimony and documents sought by the subpoenas are privileged under the Speech or Debate Clause of the Constitution.

This resolution would authorize the Senate legal counsel to represent the Senators and staff who have been subpoenaed by the defendant, as well as any other Members, officers, or employees who may be subpoenaed, in order to quash the subpoenas and protect the privileges of the Senate.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 323) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 323

Whereas, in the case of United States of America v. Elena Ruth Sassower, Crim. No. M-4113-3, pending in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, the defendant has served subpoenas for testimony and documents upon Senators ORRIN HATCH, PATRICK LEAHY, SAXBY CHAMBLISS, HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, and CHARLES SCHUMER, and on Senate employees Tamera Luzzatto, Chief of Staff to Senator Clinton, Leecia Eve, Counsel to Senator Clinton, Joshua Albert, Legislative Correspondent to Senator Clinton, and Michael Tobman, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for Senator Schumer; and,

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 288c(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent Members, officers, and employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or